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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN COLLIER COUNTY CELEBRATES COLLIER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' 2017-2019 HEALTHY SCHOOL DISTRICT AWARD



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Naples, Fla. — Florida Department of Health in Collier County recognizes Collier County Public Schools for earning the 2017-2019 Florida Healthy School District award. Collier County Public Schools achieved the Gold award level. In 2017, 45 out of Florida's 67 school districts have two-year designations as Florida Healthy School Districts- 14 gold, 17 silver and 14 bronze level districts.

"We are proud of Collier County Public Schools' dedication to improving the health of their students and staff," says Stephanie Vick, Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Collier County. "Wellness initiatives and programs, such as Kids on the Go, help those in school eat better, get more active throughout the day, and develop lifelong health skills to reduce and prevent chronic disease in our community. "

The Florida Healthy District Award was created by the [Florida Coordinated School Health Partnership](#) to recognize school districts that have implemented policies, practices, and procedures that support health and remove barriers to learning. The award is sponsored by the Florida Coordinated School Health Partnership, Florida Action for Healthy Kids, Florida Association of District School Superintendents and Florida Healthy Kids Corporation.

Districts are encouraged to work in teams to complete the annual Florida Healthy School District Self-Assessment Tool to measure how their current policies, practices, and procedures align with the [Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model](#). Districts implementing components of this model are recognized at the bronze, silver, and gold levels.

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